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WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of August 6 thru August 12, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 690 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

CARBON MONOXIDE POISIONING - On August 6 at 2:13 a.m. on the 180 block of Acker Street East a 39 year old woman was evaluated by Paramedics after becoming dizzy in her home. There was no CO detector in the home. She refused transport to the hospital.

CARELESSLY DISCARDED CIGARETTES - On August 6 at 3:27 p.m. on the 300 block of Stinson Street fire companies were dispatched to a report of a fire on the exterior of a duplex. The fire was extinguished by the homeowner with a garden hose prior to firefighter's arrival. The fire started in the rear of the home where a mattress was leaned up against house by carelessly discarded smoking materials. Damage is estimated at \$5,000.



A carelessly discarded cigarette caused this fire on the 300 block of Stinson Street

ALLERGIC REACTION - On August 6 at 5:42 p.m. on the 1300 block of Lafond Avenue a 44 year old man had been stung by a bee twice while working outside. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT - On August 6 at 9:31 p.m. on Case and Earl Street a 59 year old man was found by a bystander lying underneath his motorcycle. The bystander removed the motorcycle from on top of him and waited for Paramedics to arrive. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital for evaluation.

BICYCLIST STRUCK - On August 6 at 8:50 p.m. on the 900 block of Hersey Street a 43 year old man was struck by a vehicle while riding his bike. He rode to his residence and called 9-1-1. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

ARSON - On August 7 at 3:43 a.m. on the 500 block of Charles Avenue fire companies were dispatched to a report of a sign/artwork burning in a yard. The property was vacant. An Arson reward sign posted. Damage is estimated at \$100.

ARSON – On August 9 at 12:45 a.m. on the 800 block of Albemarle Street fire companies were dispatched to a report of a duplex fire caused by a Molotov cocktail. An Arson reward sign was posted on site. Damage is estimated at \$10,100.

DUMPSTER FIRE - On August 10 at 7:28 p.m. on the 200 block of Mississippi River Boulevard North fire companies were dispatched to a report of a dumpster fire. They arrived to find a dumpster on fire that had extended to the side of a detached garage and some landscape timbers. They stretched a hoseline and quickly extinguished the fire. Damage is estimated at \$4,000 with property damage of \$1,000 to the landscape timbers.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT - On August 10 at 11:02 a.m. on I-94 and Snelling Avenue North to Eastbound I-94 a 26 year old woman was involved in a motor vehicle accident. Her vehicle was rear ended and rolled onto the driver's side. Paramedics treated and transported her to a nearby hospital.

IMPROPERLY DISCARDED SMOKING MATERIAL - On August 10 at 8:36 p.m. on Highway 280 & Robbins Street fire companies were called to a report of a noise barrier fencing on fire along the highway. They arrived to find a fire burning on the residential side of the fencing and repositioned for best access. Due to difficult access issues firefighters used a master stream device to extinguish the fire in heavy brush on a steep hillside. Damage is estimated at \$5,000.



Improperly discarded smoking material was most likely the cause of this fire.